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**Featured Article: Joint MER-NCWG Annual Conference**



**Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron Color Guard**

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## Late Breaking News: Asheville Cadet Headed for Air Force Academy

It is with extreme pride that I inform NCWG that C/Lt Col Joseph Houston, of the Asheville Composite Squadron has been accepted for admission this fall to the United States Air Force Academy. Cadet Houston has demonstrated through the years all the qualities that will provide the basis of a future leader of this nation. I know you all join with me in offering congratulations to this outstanding cadet and soon to be Air Force officer.

Thank you--

Joe Weinflash, Maj, CAP  
Commander, MER-NC-019

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# Middle East Region and NC Wing Conduct Joint Annual Conference

## CAP National Commander and National Vice Commander Attend the Event

March 26, 2012

Article and photos by Capt. Don Penven

**Raleigh, NC** - More than 200 Civil Air Patrol members representing the seven states comprising the Middle East Region (MER) descended upon the North Raleigh Hilton on Friday, March 23, 2012. Billed as the first ever joint conference co-sponsored by the MER and the North Carolina Wing (NCWG), members attending the Saturday morning session took part in a general assembly followed by the presentation of service awards and recognition of individuals and CAP units within the region.

The weekend was organized by Col. Larry Ragland, MER Commander and the commander of the NC Wing, Col Roy Douglass.

Former Wing Commanders attending were, Col. Ralph Vogt and Col. Larry Trick from MDWG, Col. Don Edwards and Col. Harold "Tink" Schaeffer from NCWG.

Also recognized were the members of the region and NCWG staff who have done the yeoman's work to make the conference possible: Lt. Col. Lucy Davis, NCWG, Lt. Col. Jay Langley, MER, Lt. Col. Jeff Willis, MER, and Capt. Kathy Gaddy, NCWG. Active members from Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia participated in the proceedings.

The NC Wing received the Paul Turner Safety Award. This is the third consecutive year that the NCWG has won this award from the Middle East Region.



Head Table, L-R: Lt. Col Phyllis Griffin, Mr. John Salvador, Col. Larry Ragland, Col. Rick Moseley, Brig. Gen Joseph Vazquez, Col. Roy Douglass, Lt. Co. Kevin Hibbard, USAF

MER Wing Commanders attending were:

Col. Ziggy Bernfeld of Delaware Wing

Col. John Knowles of Maryland Wing

Col. Rich Cooper of the National Capitol Wing

Col. Roy Douglass of the North Carolina Wing

Lt Col Francis Smith, SCWG/CV [Col. Jay Lindler SCWG/CC absent due to medical issues]

Col. Dave Carter Commander of the Virginia Wing

Col. Denny Barron, Commander of the West Virginia Wing

In addition, the former commanders of Middle East Region who were in attendance included: Col. Charles Glass, and Col. David Ellsworth.

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Col. Rick Moseley, MER Vice Commander, served as master-of-ceremonies, and he opened the general assembly with the introduction of special guests. Following welcome messages from Col. Ragland and Col. Douglass, the keynote speakers for the session were Brig Gen Joseph Vazquez, National Vice Commander, and Mr. John Salvador, the Assistant Executive Director of CAP, who highlighted the status and current strengths of the organization. They stated that CAP now operates 550 aircraft, 960 motor vehicles, 4,675 mobile radios, and CAP expects to purchase 19 replacement aircraft and 127 replacement vehicles during FY 2012.

Also in attendance were Mr. Frank Jirik, the National HQ Director of Safety and Col. Warren Vest, the National Finance Officer.

Lt. Col. Kevin Hubbard, USAF, presented an overview of the current and future status the Air Force and CAP (CAP-USAF). He stated that due to significant budget constraints, the Air Force is discontinuing the program of including state directors to the wing structure of CAP. Continued coordination between CAP Wings and the USAF will be maintained by a reduced team of Assistant Directors of Operations (ADO) serving on a national basis rather than filling the current 38 state directorships wing by wing. Lt. Col. Hubbard stressed that CAP-USAF was cutting positions...NOT people.

A sizeable block of time was allotted to the awards ceremony. The Exceptional Service Award was presented to six members. A grand total of 24 meritorious service awards and 15 commander's commendations were presented as well as numerous other individual awards. *A master listing of all awards will be published in a separate article.*

Attending the conference for the first time was CAP's recently elected National Commander, Maj. Gen. Charles L. Carr. Also in attendance was Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Vazquez, National Vice Commander and former MER Commander, in addition past national commanders included: the former National Commander of Civil Air Patrol, Maj. Gen. Eugene Harwell, who is a former Commander of North Carolina Wing; National Commander of Civil Air Patrol, Maj. Gen. Dwight Wheless, who is a former commander of the NC Wing.

The afternoon session saw members attending a variety of seminars that included learning labs on Emergency Services, Operations, Safety, Aerospace Education, Homeland Security/Counter Drug, Cadet Programs, Information Technology, Communications, Logistics, Public Affairs, MER Commander's Call and Professional Development.

At 7:00 p.m. the Hilton's Grand Ballroom was the scene of the region's annual banquet. Col. Moseley served as MC, and the featured speaker of the evening was Brig. Gen. D. Todd Kelly, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, NC National Guard. Gen. Kelly, a highly decorated command pilot, spoke about the Guard's past, present and future mission for our state.

Col. Douglass commented on the historical significance of this conference. "The logistics involved in planning and coordinating this event were staggering. But the end result was a comprehensive, invaluable learning experience for all involved, including our wing and region staffs to the newly-minted cadets attending," he said.

At the conclusion of the evening, Col. Ragland offered his special thanks to the NC Wing administrative team, in particular, Lt. Col. Lucy Davis, Lt. Col. Andy Wiggs and Capt. Kathy Gaddy for providing the input that made this joint conference a truly memorable and successful event.

***Article and photos by Capt. Don Penven***

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## A Few Candid Shots You May Have Missed



The “Movers and Shakers:” of the conference



Lt. Col Crawford’s best effort at a smile



Tops in Aerospace Education



“Movers and Shakers” from years past



Tough to match the Burlington Unit





Top Cadet Program



Incident Commander of The Year



Unit Citation Award



Exceptional Service Award for Col. Ragland



Brig. Gen. Vazquez receives ceremonial sword from Col. Ragland



## Biography of Allen M. (Big Al) Johnson

Allen (Big Al) Johnson, the State Director for NC Wing Civil Air Patrol, will be retiring on 30 April 2012. His retirement is the result of numerous civilian personnel cuts across the Air Force. His retirement will culminate a 23 year period of working with CAP and over 40 total years of service and association with the U.S. Air Force.

Allen was born 15 February 1949 in Batesville, Arkansas. He was educated in the Arkansas school system and graduated from Timbo High School, Timbo, Arkansas in 1967. He went to the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas in the fall of 1967 planning on majoring in Math and becoming a Math teacher. In May 1971 he did receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics but went into military service instead of becoming a teacher. In 1984 he received a Master's Degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida.



L-R: Co; Roy Douglass, Lt.Col. Dominic Strug, Lt. Col. "Big Al" Johnson, USAF Ret.

He entered active duty in May 1971 and earned his Air Force commission through Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. When he signed up for the Air Force the only slots available were for pilots or navigators so he signed up for pilot training even though he had, at that point, never been in an airplane. He attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese AFB, Texas and received his Air Force Pilot wings in August 1972. He was then assigned to the KC-135 Combat Crew Training Squadron at Castle AFB, California for transition into the KC-135. After training he was assigned to the 70th Air Refueling Squadron, Grissom AFB, Indiana as a copilot on the KC-135. While at Grissom he flew missions in Southeast Asia, was promoted to Captain, and also upgraded to KC-135 Aircraft Commander and served there until December 1975.

In December 1975 he left active duty and joined the Arkansas Air National Guard, Little Rock AFB, as a part time guardsman. There he continued to fly the KC-135 and quickly worked his way up to Instructor Pilot and was promoted to Major. In civilian life during that time he was a foreman for a construction company and also restored and flew antique airplanes.

In May 1981 Allen returned to active duty with the Air Force. His first assignment after returning to active duty was to Loring AFB, Maine where he served with the 42nd Air Refueling Squadron as a Squadron Instructor Pilot and culminated his tour as a 42nd Bomb Wing Standardization/Evaluation Pilot.

His next assignment, in July 1983, was as a KC-135 Instructor Pilot at the 93rd Bomb Wing, Castle AFB, California. Castle AFB was the home of both the KC-135 and B-52 Combat Crew Training Squadrons (CCTS) where the majority of all Strategic Air Command (SAC) KC-135 and B-52 crewmembers were trained at that time. In February 1984 he was assigned as Chief KC135 Branch 93rd Bomb Wing Standardization/Evaluation Division. Here he was responsible for the quality control of the wing's KC-135 Combat Crew Training. During this period he was promoted to Lt Col.

In May 1986 he was assigned to the 924th Air Refueling Squadron, Castle AFB, California as the Squadron Operations Officer. While in that position he was responsible for the continuation training and combat readiness of 18 SAC KC-135 crews (72 crewmembers).

In April 1989 he was transferred to Andrews AFB, Maryland as the Training Officer for the CAP-USAF Middle East Liaison Region. In this capacity he was responsible for coordinating Air Force support for Civil Air Patrol units in Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. His responsibilities included setting up and conducting the Pararescue Orientation Course held each year in Virginia and the Middle East Region CAP's annual Cadet Competition. He also helped to develop and execute the Middle East Region Search and Rescue College.

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In August 1992 he became the Liaison Officer for the North Carolina Wing Civil Air Patrol. He retired from active duty in March 1996 when the Liaison Officer active duty positions were done away with and the slots became military retiree positions. He was asked to take the job of Liaison Officer as a military retiree, which he did. In March 2002 the Liaison Officer positions were converted to Civil Service positions and the job title was changed to State Director and he continued to serve in that capacity until the present time.

Allen earned his Command Pilot Wings while in the Air Force and has accumulated over 7000 hours of military and civilian flying time in over 30 different models of aircraft, including 3700 hours in the KC-135. He has over 2000 hours of instructor/evaluator time. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, and National Defense Service Medal with one device. He has completed Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College.

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## Summer Encampment Application Process Begins

The 2012 Summer Encampment is now taking applications for all flights.

The following flights are available for enrollment and acceptance this year:

- 1. Leadership Flight**
- 2. Aerospace Flight**
- 3. Flight Line Marshalling Flight**
- 4. Basic Ground Team Flight #1**
- 5. Basic Ground Team Flight #2**
- 6. Advanced Ground Team Flight**
- 7. Ranger Flight**

The requirements for each flight as well as all current registration information and forms are now available on the NC Wing Webpage under the **Cadet Programs** header and [NCWG Encampment Programs](#).

Please check out all information and forward your application packets to NC Wing via mail at:

**NC Wing HQ**  
**Attention: Encampment Applications 2012**  
**P.O. Box 2082**  
**Burlington, NC 27216-2082**

or by scanning and emailing Lt. Col. Andy Wiggs at: [awiggs@ncwg.cap.gov](mailto:awiggs@ncwg.cap.gov) by **No Later Than 1 June, 2012**.

Thank you all for serving and as always,

Semper Vigilans!

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JACOB R. SUMMEY, Capt, CAP  
Director of Cadet Programs, MER-NC-001



# ANNUAL SAFETY STAND DOWN DAY

**PURPOSE:** Promote the “Safety Culture” throughout the North Carolina Wing.

**REFERENCE:** CAPR 62-1, paragraph 4.m. “An annual Safety Day will be held in all active units during the months of January, February, or March to focus on improving safety knowledge and attitudes. This will require a day focused entirely on safety subjects applicable to the unit. The Safety Day education to meet this requirement may take place at a regularly scheduled unit meeting providing the entire academic content for that meeting is devoted to safety.”

**TIME FRAME:** The NC Wing Commander has designated the period from 01 January through 31 March to be an interval of special emphasis on safety with refresher training for all CAP personnel. Each unit within the NC Wing will select a day the specified period that best meets their schedule to conduct the special safety activity.

**ACTIONS:** During this dedicated day each unit will review its safety record and that of the wing. Unit meeting programs will focus on safety issues, mishap prevention, safety education, and correcting potential safety related hazards. Special safety briefings will be conducted in anticipation of the change of seasons with emphasis on the special challenges of cadet program activities during the summer months.

**STRUCTURE:** The Safety Stand Down Day has a minimum set of tasks to be accomplished by each unit, and a large degree of flexibility in optional components.

## Mandatory Tasks

1. Each Squadron, Group, and the Wing Headquarters will schedule a Safety Training Day during which the unit will focus on safety education and mishap prevention. During this day, each member will participate in training in Operational Risk Management. Units will schedule make-up training sessions for members not able to participate in the originally scheduled programs.
2. Review the unit’s and wing mishap record for the fiscal year to date. Discuss from an Operational Risk Management perspective and identify what controls could have been put in place to avoid or minimize the impact of each mishap. Ideas and action plans for improvement during fiscal year should be defined as appropriate and forwarded to the Wing Safety Officer.
3. Squadrons will develop a written Operational Risk Management analysis for use during routine cadet meetings or unit special activities to include a minimum of the following points:
  - a. Identify known hazards or those anticipated to be present.
  - b. Develop a risk matrix for probability of occurrence versus severity of impact
  - c. Prepare a plan to mitigate all risks with high impact and high or moderate probability of occurrence.
  - d. Plan and conduct an emergency evacuation drill for the unit meeting place.
4. Units with aircraft assigned will complete a thorough safety inspection of the aircraft storage arrangements including any tie-downs used, tie-downs immediately adjacent to any that are used by CAP aircraft, and/or hangar facilities used. (See CAPR 66-1, Attachment 3.)
5. Units with aircraft assigned will complete a thorough inspection of the aircraft survival kit and replace any supplies found with expired use dates.
6. Units with vehicles assigned will complete an inspection of the vehicle roadside emergency kit and first aid kit and replace any supplies found with expired use dates.
7. All squadrons and wings will update their safety goals and objectives for the fiscal year and ensure that any pending CAPF 78/79 submittals are completed.

**REPORTS:** All Squadrons and Groups will document the total number of senior and cadet participants by Squadron during the safety education program. Participation by Wing staff at the squadron level will be either included with the Squadron metrics or separately for the Wing but

not counted twice.

Each unit will report its activities and attendance using the national online reporting system under the "CAP Safety Education" tab. When logging the report, enter "Safety Down Day" in the "\*\*Subject/Title:" dialogue box.

MATERIALS: Each Unit is responsible for obtaining its own source material to conduct safety education that cover each of the areas below that apply to their operations. The Wing Safety Website includes a significant amount of source material to draw from.

1. Ground (vehicle and personnel) Operations
2. Aircraft Operations
3. Personnel Safety (e.g., at home, traveling to/from CAP meetings, etc.)
4. Meetings and activities, including facility safety.

Lt. Col. Andy Wiggs

NCWG/SE

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## Cadet Competition

CONGRATULATIONS on your hard fought victory to Burlington Composite Squadron in the NC Wing Cadet competition to become NC Wings color guard. It came down to a tie breaker to edge out Raleigh-Wake. I would also like to thank Fayetteville for coming out and competing and take 3 place. No one competed in the Drill team competition. Hopefully more team will come out and compete next year for the competition usually held the last part of February or first part of March.

William M. Ryan, Maj, CAP

Deputy Commander for Seniors, NC-007

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## ELT Mission jn Raleigh

The North Carolina Wing was notified of an ELT in the Raleigh area (on 3-10-3012) about 10:10 p.m. local time. With Maj. Chris Bailey as the IC3/T and LTC. David Crawford as supervising IC1, Maj. Mason as Mission Pilot and 1LT Kenneth Currie as Mission Observer departed Fayetteville in Cap 3202 and locating the signal in a residential area in North East Raleigh (less than a mile and a half from the Hilton we'll be having the Wing/Region conference in just a few weeks). Due to the residential location and improbability of this being an actual distress situation, the search was suspended for the night.

In the morning, the IC duties were handed off to Maj. John May and a UDF team from Greenville was dispatched to the area identified by the aircraft. After several hours of search in a high density residential area, the beacon was located at a residence of a boater with an Epirb from his boat. The owner had been working on the boat yesterday and didn't realize the switch had been activated.

A special thanks to those participating. The UDF team from Greenville (NC-079) included:

Capt David Nelson, 2LT Theodore Green, 2LT Christopher Malan and cadets Daniel Everhart, Haley Sutton and Kelsey Sutton.

Everyone has returned home safely and the mission closed with the AFRCC with the request for a non-distressed find.

John May, Maj, CAP

Operations Officer, Charlotte Senior Squadron NC-121

# Group # 2 Aerospace Day and Rocket Day

Where-- Field of Dreams Near Zebulon NC

When-- Saturday April 28th 2012

## Host Squadron -- Franklin Co Composite Sqdn.

The usual camp out on Friday night has been cancelled because of some unforeseen problems not under their control. The A/E and rocket day will go as planned, beginning at 0900 Saturday Morning. **So, Bring your Rockets and have some fun**

New this year - remote control model air plane flying, also a simulator for the cadets to practice on before they try the real thing

Bring your rockets, Engines & launch equipment is free so are the certificates and awards.

Group # 2 has Seven squadrons and a Flight. All of the Sqdns should participate in this group event. The A/E/Os and or Commanders of the Squadrons listed below. Should contact Capt Brian W Cail [bcailmail@gmail.com](mailto:bcailmail@gmail.com) ASAP. ( NC -145)

Burlington Composite Sqdn.	Raleigh-Wake Composite Sqdn
Randolph Co Composite	141st SAR composite Sqdn
Orange Co Composite Sqdn.	Apex Cadet Squadron
Brig. Gen. Steven R. Richie Flight	

Last year, NC wing started sponsoring a group A.E event in each group instead of one wing event.because of the distances that some units had to travel. Now Wing Comes to you.

James P. Williams-LT Col-CAP  
Deputy Director of Aerospace Education  
North Carolina Wing





# Aerospace Education

## *O-Rides* And Model Air planes



## Rocket Day

### Where—Group # 3



Location—Halifax Northampton Regional Airport  
( KIXA)

Host Squadrons- Halifax Composite and Pitt- Greenville  
Composite Squadrons.

The date is-Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> & Sat. April 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

There will be camping on the airport grounds Friday night for those who want to camp over night. Friday night, there will be Rocket building, and classes on the rocket book. Testing will also be available for those Cadets that want it.

**Bring your Rockets or if you don't have one. We will have the Kits available for \$5.00 each for the Alpha single stage and \$ 8.00 for the two stage and we will help you build it. Engines and everything else to build and launch your rocket is free.**

Dinner will be served Friday night, Breakfast Sat Morning, and Lunch Sat. for a small fee (\$5.00) **Contact 2d Lt Johnson ([rjohnsoncap@gmail.com](mailto:rjohnsoncap@gmail.com))** Of the host Squadron

AEOs and Commanders of all **seven** squadrons in group # 3 should support and start planning to attend this event with their CADETS. The Host Squadron has put in a lot of time and effort to make this event available to the Cadets of Group # 3.

Instead of the long drive to wing HQ for A/E day. Wing has come to you and Group # 3

James P. Williams Lt Col CAP  
A director of Aerospace Education  
North Carolina Wing

# Historically Speaking

## Where Do We Get Such Men?

Quote from the Novel The Bridges at Toko Ri, by James Mitchener

The title of this column is from the novel The Bridges at Toko Ri by James Mitchener. Rear Admiral Tarrant asked this question in reference to the bravery of three aircrew members who were lost to the North Koreans during the mission on the bridges. The novel is about Navy Carriers and Air Groups during the Korean War. "Where do we get such men?" is the last line in the book.

Why does this column start with a line from a Korean War novel and how does it pertain to Civil Air Patrol History? Here is the answer.

Have you ever heard of these three members of North Carolina Wing: Captain Len Lundquist, Lieutenant Guy Cherry, and Sergeant Steve Williams? These three men served at Coastal Patrol Base 21 at Beaufort, NC from September 7, 1942 until their deaths in the line of duty.

Lt. Guy Cherry was a Student from Kinston, NC, and a Coastal Patrol Pilot. On November 16, 1942, the Base's Operations Log started with the sentence "Lt. Guy Cherry died today". Lt. Cherry, pilot, and Lt. George Grove, observer were sent out as a relief plane on convoy patrol duty, along with another aircraft. The planes made contact with the convoy and all was well until a Mayday was received at 1040, with information that the aircraft engine had failed, they were losing altitude fast and were headed for the beach. The two planes were separated while on patrol; the other aircraft did not see them go down.

Due to radio interference and a slight miscalculation on navigation, the crew was not found until 1415, although the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines were helping in the search. They were spotted floating in the water approximately 15 miles at 150 degrees off Cape Fear Lighthouse.

Upon reaching the scene, a Navy PBY reported that the water was too rough for a water landing. Lts. Cherry and Grove were finally picked up about dark and taken to the Cherry Point Hospital. Lt. Cherry had been dead for some time. Lt. Grove had strapped Lt. Cherry's body to his own to keep him afloat. Lt. James Weiland, CAP, piloted the plane that found them and returned to a poor field without sufficient light. Lt. Cherry was buried in Kinston on November 19, 1942. While still keeping up the patrols, as many members as possible that could attend were there. The Rocky Mount Squadron, of which Lt. Cherry was a member, were there as a unit.

Captain Len Lundquist was an Airport Manager and Flight Instructor from Gastonia, NC. He was a Coastal Patrol Pilot. Sergeant Steve Williams was in Radio Sales and Service from Wallace, NC, and was a Coastal Patrol Communications Technician. On June 27, 1943, the Base Operations Log started with the sentence, "It is Sunday and the worst has happened! Capt. Lundquist and Steve Williams have just been killed." They were taking off in a Cessna for a routine radio check flight; they had enough wind and the weather was good.

Capt. Lundquist taxied the aircraft and turned into the wind and gave her the gun. The plane climbed to about 200 feet and then nosed down for just an instant, then fell off on the right wing and crashed into the ground head on, without giving Capt. Lundquist a chance to pull out.

Capt. Lundquist was buried in Charlotte, NC on June 31, 1943, and Sgt. Williams was buried in Wallace, NC on June 29, 1943.

The Log also stated, "They are gone now but certainly nobody at Base 21 will ever forget them and their contribution to their country."

As Admiral Tarrant said, "Where do we get such men?"

Until next month SEMPER VIGILANS,

Phil Saleet, Lt. Col., CAP

Historian

# Iredell Composite Squadron Gives Back to the Community

The Iredell Composite Squadron has started the year off by giving back through community service. The squadron has completed two community service projects so far this year and has plans for several more. Our most recent project was helping a local disabled veteran get his overwhelming yard back on track. Cadets and senior officers raked, picked up limbs and debris for 6 hours until the task was completed. When we first arrived at the location, we had our doubts that we could get the job done. The leaves were knee deep in some locations. Because of the veterans disabilities, the expansive yard had not been maintained in quite sometime. We were determined not to leave until his yard was in tip-top shape. While on location, the cadets enjoyed hearing military stories from a two-time Purple Heart recipient who spent 33 years in the Army and Special Forces.

With the help of the Iredell Composite Squadron Booster Club, the squadron was able to present a check for \$500 to a local veteran group called Welcome Home Veteran, [WWW.WelcomeHomeVeteran.org](http://WWW.WelcomeHomeVeteran.org). The booster club held a BBQ chicken fundraiser to assist the squadron with travel expenses for their upcoming field trip to Washington DC and The Naval Academy. Richard's Coffee Shop in Mooresville, which is a non-profit living military museum hosted the fundraiser. As part of our community service, the booster club donated a portion of our proceeds to the organization. Cadets and senior officers helped make our first fundraiser of the year a success by boxing and delivering over 500 BBQ chicken plates.

We will be continuing our spirit of community service by volunteering with Purple Heart Homes at the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans celebration being held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway on March 31st. Community service has been a very rewarding experience for the squadron. C/2d Lt Montanna Shores was able to sum it all up by stating, "The cadets are gaining a sense of responsibility for helping others, especially for veterans."

Kristin Osborne, 2d Lt , NC-162

Public Affairs Officer



Richard's Coffee Shop, Welcome Home Veteran organization Photo Credit, Lt Kristin Osborne



-Cadets beautifying the area around the veteran's proudly flown American Flag Photo Credit Lt Kimberly Ammons



Squadron Commander, Maj David Shuping assisting with raking Photo Credit Lt Kimberly Ammons



## New Private Pilot in Apex Unit

It is with great pleasure and pride that I announce that **Cadet 2d Lt Dominic Deshaies** has become North Carolina Wing's most recent **Private Pilot**!



He is the Apex Cadet Squadron's FIRST Cadet Private Pilot! We are very happy to announce that his next goal is to complete his CAPF 5 check ride!

CONGRATULATIONS Cadet Deshaies!

Semper Vigilans  
Dominic Strug, Lt Col, CAP  
DO, MER-NC-801  
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## Carolina WingTips

Pitt-Greenville Composite Squadron's aircrew gained three new mission Observers: 2d Lts Brad Durrett, Chris Malan, Teddy Green, as well as a new mission scanner: SM Eric Bentz during the month.

On the 11th, Squadron Commander Capt Dave Nelson led a UDF mission to Raleigh to recover an EPIRB transmitting on 121.5 mhz. The mission was completed by PGVCS members: 2d Lt Chris Malan, 2d Lt Teddy Green, C/2d Lt Matthias Everhart, C/SSgt Kelsey Sutton, and C/A1C Haley Sutton. The EPIRB was found in a garage after being taken off of a boat. This was the squadron's first ELT find since rechartering in 2010, and the team exhibited exceptional skills with Direction Finding equipment to find the exact location despite substantial power line interference.

David Nelson, Capt, CAP  
Commander, MER-NC-079

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### Cadet Staff Training School for April

NC-007 will be hosting a Cadet Staff Training School on the weekend of April 28th/29th. Upon completion of this course, cadets will have a greater understanding for the role of cadet staff; from element leader to squadron commander, and everything in between. The training will include planning, motivating cadets, counseling cadets, leadership, and team building exercises, to name a few. I highly recommend this to any cadet that wants to get the most out of CAP. In addition to the CSTS, NC-007 will conduct TLC training.

Attendance as a student for CSTS is open to cadets. They need to be a C/SSgt by April 28th, or have a waiver from myself. Waivers are available for cadets who have a staff/leadership position in their unit. Senior members must complete level 1. Instructors must have attended a prior CSTS or TLC, or are a subject matter expert in the field. Additional information will be provided to those who express interest in attending.

The application deadline is April 25 at 2359hrs. The application needs to consist of the individual's name, grade, CAPID, and home unit. Applications for CSTS go to myself at [joshua-david@att.net](mailto:joshua-david@att.net). Applications for TLC go to either myself or Major William Ryan, the TLC course director, at [williammr50@hotmail.com](mailto:williammr50@hotmail.com).

C/Capt Joshua Lewis, CAP  
Course Director, CSTS  
MER-NC-007

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### Cadet is Accepted Into Air Force Academy

It is with extreme pride that I inform NCWG that C/CMSgt Joshua Harold of the South Charlotte Cadet Squadron has been accepted for admission this fall to the United States Air Force Academy. Cadet Joshua Harold has demonstrated through the years all the qualities that will provide the basis of a future leader of this nation. I know you all join with me in offering congratulations to this outstanding cadet and soon to be Air Force Officer.

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